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Attorney Docket No. 00-009 (2701.CS.US.P)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Mark O. Vogel |) | Group Art Unit: 2711 |
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| Serial No.: 09/596,407 |) | Examiner: John Manning |
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| Filed: June 19, 2000 |) | |
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| For: Method for Using an Initial Maintenance |) | |
| Opportunity for Non-Contention Ranging |) | |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 7, 2004

**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Examiner Manning:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2004, Applicant submits the following amendments and comments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.